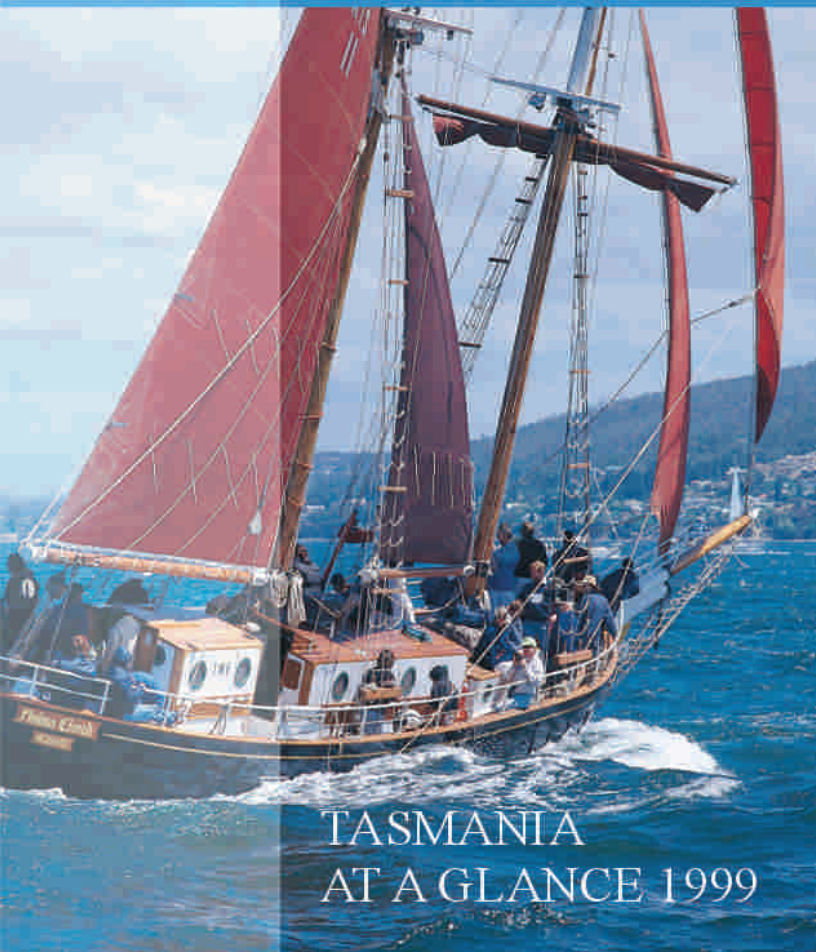




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TASMANIA
AT A GLANCE 1999

PHYSICAL

Area of State (incl. lesser islands) km² 68 114

| CLIMATE (a) | Launceston Airport | Hobart |
|-------------|--------------------|--------|
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| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Mean annual rainfall (mm) | 660 | 586 |
| Mean annual rain days | 128 | 151 |
| Mean daily maximum temperature (°C) | 17.0 | 17.1 |
| Mean daily minimum temperature (°C) | 6.3 | 8.7 |
| Extreme highest temperature (°C) | 37.3 | 40.8 |
| Extreme lowest temperature (°C) | - 7.1 | - 2.8 |
| Mean daily hours of sunshine | 6.9 | 6.4 |
| Mean annual frost days | 73 | 23 |

| POPULATION | 1997 | 1998 |
|------------|------|------|
|------------|------|------|

| | | |
|---|---------|---------|
| Estimated resident population, Tasmania (no.) | 473 501 | 471 885 |
| Aged less than 15 (no.) | 104 445 | 102 028 |
| Aged 15–24 (no.) | 65 130 | 64 933 |
| Aged 25–64 (no.) | 242 688 | 242 854 |
| Aged 65 and over (no.) | 61 238 | 62 070 |
| Greater Hobart Statistical Division (no.) | 195 468 | 194 974 |
| Greater Launceston Statistical District (no.) | 98 685 | 98 352 |
| Burnie-Devonport Statistical District (no.) | 78 942 | 78 605 |
| Density (no./km ²) | 7.0 | 6.9 |

| | 1997 | 1998 |
|-----------------|-------|---------|
| Births (no.) | 5 941 | p 5 965 |
| Deaths (no.) | 3 777 | p 3 611 |
| Marriages (no.) | 2 672 | p 2 558 |
| Divorces (no.) | 1 321 | p 1 322 |

| RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION | 1986 | 1996 |
|-----------------------|------|------|
|-----------------------|------|------|

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|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Christian | 324 792 | 332 468 |
| Non-Christian | 1 967 | 3 661 |
| Other groups | 50 231 | 79 203 |
| Not stated | 59 363 | 44 327 |
| Total persons | 436 353 | 459 659 |

| EDUCATION | 1997 | 1998 |
|-----------|------|------|
|-----------|------|------|

| | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Schools: Government (no.) | 222 | 220 |
| Non-government (no.) | 67 | 66 |
| Students: Government (no.) | 62 921 | 62 978 |
| Non-government (no.) | 21 236 | 21 138 |
| University (total enrolments) (no.) | 12 611 | 12 468 |
| Maritime College (total enrolments) (no.) | (b) 1 542 | (b) 2 018 |
| TAFE (total enrolments) (no.) | 30 961 | 29 852 |

- (a) Averages based on all available complete years. Extremes based on all available data.
(b) Does not include short-course enrolments.

| TOURISM AND TRAVEL | 1997 | 1998 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Total adult visitors to Tasmania (a) (no.) | r 489 400 | 505 100 |
| Visitors' expenditure in Tasmania (a) (\$m) | r 564.0 | 556.7 |
| Passenger arrivals (incl. residents)— | | |
| Arrivals by air | | |
| Interstate (no.) | p 796 870 | p 813 618 |
| New Zealand (no.) | p 2 238 | p 1 510 |
| Arrivals by sea (b) (no.) | p 142 286 | p 160 543 |
| Total arrivals (no.) | p 941 394 | p 975 671 |
| Accommodation (total capacity 30 June)— | | |
| Licensed hotels with facilities, guest rooms (no.) | 2 946 | 2 917 |
| Motels and Guest Houses with facilities, guest rooms (no.) | 1 652 | 1 739 |
| Serviced Apartments, guest rooms (no.) | 679 | 900 |
| LABOUR FORCE (provisional trend estimate) | 1998 | 1999 |
| Persons in labour force (April) (no.) | r 220 200 | 216 000 |
| Employed (no.) ^r | 196 900 | 193 500 |
| Unemployed (no.) | r 23 300 | 22 500 |
| Participation rate (April) (%) | r 59.6 | 58.4 |
| Unemployment rate (April) (%) | r 10.6 | 10.4 |
| Employed wage and salary earners by industry (November)— | 1997 | 1998 |
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing (no.) | 600 | 600 |
| Mining (no.) | 1 600 | 1 400 |
| Manufacturing (no.) | 21 600 | 22 500 |
| Electricity, gas and water (no.) | 2 000 | 2 000 |
| Construction (no.) | 4 700 | 4 500 |
| Wholesale and retail trade (no.) | 29 900 | 31 400 |
| Accommodation, cafes and restaurants (no.) | 10 800 | 10 300 |
| Transport and storage (no.) | 5 700 | 6 100 |
| Communication services (no.) | 2 600 | 2 300 |
| Finance, insurance, property and business services (no.) | 17 000 | 15 300 |
| Government administration and defence (no.) | 9 700 | 10 000 |
| Education (no.) | 18 100 | 17 800 |
| Health and community services (no.) | 23 500 | 23 600 |
| Cultural, rec., personal & other services (no.) | 8 700 | 8 900 |
| Total | 156 600 | 156 800 |

(a) Source: Tasmanian Visitor Survey conducted by Tourism Tasmania.

(b) Source: Tourism Tasmania. Note: excludes cruise ships.

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| RETAIL TRADE (a) | 1986 | 1992 |
| Retail establishments at 30 June (no.) | 4 592 | 4 839 |
| Turnover (trend)— | 1996–97 | 1997–98 |
| Food retailing (\$m) | 1330.0 | 1386.1 |
| Clothing and soft goods retailing (\$m) | 186.7 | 193.2 |
| Household goods retailing (\$m) | 330.3 | 310.5 |
| Recreational goods retailing (\$m) | 182.1 | 210.9 |
| Hospitality and services (\$m) | 473.7 | 457.7 |
| Other retailing (b) (\$m) | 590.1 | 650.7 |
| Total (\$m) | 3092.9 | 3209.1 |
| AGRICULTURE | 1995–96 | 1996–97 |
| Livestock numbers— | | |
| Dairy cattle (excluding house cows) ('000) | 196.6 | 210.6 |
| Beef cattle ('000) | 521.0 | 514.6 |
| Sheep and lambs ('000) | 3 862.3 | 3976.6 |
| Pigs ('000) | 26.4 | 23.9 |
| Production of— | | |
| Red meat (carcass weight) (tonnes) | 66 707 | 72 610 |
| Milk (c) (million litres) | 514 | 530 |
| Wool (d) (tonnes) | 15 997 | 18 878 |
| Barley for grain (tonnes) | 38 463 | 35 237 |
| Apples (tonnes) | 52 398 | 55 649 |
| Beans, french and runner (tonnes) | 9 453 | 14 154 |
| Peas, green (processing) (tonnes) | 29 734 | 32 356 |
| Onions (tonnes) | 91 119 | 59 677 |
| Potatoes (tonnes) | 302 035 | 317 448 |
| Hops (dry weight) (tonnes) | 1 930 | 1 756 |
| Oil poppies (area) (hectares) | 7 435 | 8 364 |
| Gross value (\$m) | 631.0 | 660.1 |
| MINING | 1996–97 | 1997–98 |
| Turnover of establishments (\$m) | 433.5 | 423.4 |
| Mineral concentrates produced— | | |
| Copper concentrate ('000 tonnes) | 99.7 | 109.6 |
| Iron concentrate (pellets) ('000 tonnes) | 809.4 | 1 074.7 |
| Tin concentrate ('000 tonnes) | 16.3 | 16.2 |
| Zinc concentrate ('000 tonnes) | 356.9 | 335.4 |

(a) Excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol etc.

(b) Includes department stores.

(c) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.

(d) Wool received by brokers and dealers.

| MANUFACTURING | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Production of— | | |
| Butter (a) (tonnes) | 10 869 | 8 745 |
| Cheese (a) (tonnes) | r 25 398 | 27 444 |
| Electricity (million kW.h) | 9 543 | 9 700 |
| Newsprint ('000 tonnes) | 232.7 | n.p. |
| Refined zinc ('000 tonnes) | 207.7 | 197.0 |
| Sawn timber ('000 m ³) | 328.5 | 344.2 |
| Woodchips ('000 tonnes) | 3 609.3 | 4 440.1 |
| BUILDING APPROVALS | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
| New dwellings— | | |
| Private (no.) | 1 781 | 1 623 |
| Public (no.) | 80 | 20 |
| Total (no.) | 1 861 | 1 643 |
| Value (\$'000) | 157 428 | 142 366 |
| New non-residential buildings approved (plus alterations and additions valued at \$50,000 or more) (\$'000) | 158 970 | 125 466 |
| TRANSPORT | 1997 | 1998 |
| New motor vehicles registered during year (no.) | 15 118 | 15 705 |
| New motorcycles registered during year (no.) | 518 | 567 |
| Motor vehicles & motorcycles on register, June (no.) | 324 983 | n.y.a. |
| PRICE INDEXES (HOBART) | 1998 | 1999 |
| Consumer Price Index (March) | | |
| Index number (1989-90 = 100.0) | 121.5 | 122.1 |
| Increase over previous year (%) | -0.3 | 0.5 |
| Building materials—house (March) | | |
| Index number (1989-90 = 100.0) | 121.2 | 122.1 |
| Increase over previous year (%) | 0.9 | 0.7 |
| Building materials—other (March) | | |
| Index number (1989-90 = 100.0) | 117.7 | 118.5 |
| Increase over previous year (%) | 1.0 | 0.7 |

(a) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.

| FINANCE | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| State Government— | | |
| Final consumption expenditure (\$m) | 1 358 | 1 346 |
| Gross fixed capital expenditure (\$m) | 249 | 269 |
| Other outlays (\$m) | 809 | 759 |
| Total outlays (\$m) | 2 416 | 2 375 |
| Taxes, fees and fines (\$m) | 630 | 631 |
| Grants received (\$m) | 1 124 | 1 172 |
| Other revenue and grants received (\$m) | 511 | 429 |
| Total revenue and grants received (\$m) | 2 264 | 2 232 |
| Net debt at 30 June (a) (\$m) | 2 848 | 2 704 |
| Local government— | | |
| Final consumption expenditure (\$m) | 103 | 110 |
| Gross fixed capital expenditure (\$m) | 110 | 91 |
| Other outlays (\$m) | 33 | 36 |
| Total outlays (\$m) | 246 | 237 |
| Taxes (\$m) | 140 | 150 |
| Other revenue and grants received | 94 | 92 |
| Total revenue and grants received | 234 | 243 |
| Net debt at 30 June (a) (\$m) | 80 | 85 |
| Private— | | |
| Banking | 1997 | 1998 |
| Deposits (b) (June) (\$m) | 3 719 | 3 796 |
| Housing finance(seasonally adjusted) | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
| Total secured housing commitments (c) (\$m) | 57 | 75 |
| FOREIGN TRADE | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
| Value of imports into Tasmania (\$m) | 396 | 385 |
| Value of exports of Tasmanian origin (\$m) | 1 708 | 2 135 |
| WAGES | 1998 | 1999 |
| Total average weekly earnings, full-time adult employees (February) (\$) | 721.70 | 746.40 |
| Increase over previous year (%) | 4.3 | 3.4 |
| Wage Cost Index— | 1997 | 1998 |
| Total hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses (Sept. quarter 1997=100.0) (December) | 100.4. | 102.9 |

(a) Gross debt minus financial assets.

(b) Average of weekly figures.

(c) Excludes alterations and additions; including refinancing.

TASMANIA COMPARED WITH AUSTRALIA

| Area | Period | Per cent of Australian total |
|--|---------------|------------------------------|
| | — | 0.89 |
| Demography— | | |
| Estimated resident population | 30 June 1998p | 2.52 |
| Births | 1998p | 2.39 |
| Deaths (including infant deaths) | 1998p | 2.82 |
| Marriages | 1998p | 2.31 |
| Divorces | 1998p | 2.57 |
| Labour force (provisional trend estimate)— | | |
| Employed persons | June 1998 | 2.29 |
| Unemployed persons | June 1998 | 3.12 |
| Agriculture— | | |
| Gross value of agricultural commodities produced | 1996–97 | 2.3 |
| Area of establishments | 1996–97 | 0.4 |
| Cattle | 1996–97 | 2.7 |
| Sheep and lambs | 1996–97 | 3.3 |
| Pigs | 1996–97 | 0.9 |
| Milk by volume | 1996–97 | 5.9 |
| Wool by weight (a) | 1996–97 | 2.8 |
| Manufacturing— | | |
| Persons employed | 1996–97 | 2.3 |
| Turnover | 1996–97 | 2.3 |
| Foreign trade— | | |
| Value of imports | 1997–98 | 0.4 |
| Value of exports | 1997–98 | 2.4 |

(a) Wool received by brokers and dealers.

Abbreviations:

p = preliminary

r = revised

n.y.a. = not yet available

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